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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOTS ANNOUNCE "CLOSURE" OF U.S. INSTALLA-
TIONS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED CYPRUS

REF: A. NICOSIA 2347 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 061133 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF ANNOUNCE-
MENT MADE ON BEHALF OF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS
BY "VICE PRESIDENT" OREK JULY 29 FOLLOWING A MEETING OF
TFSC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: QUOTE HOLDING AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING FOLLOWING THE ALREADY KNOWN DECISION OF THE U.S.
SENATE AS REGARDS THE EMBARGO DECISION, OUR COUNCIL OF
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MINISTERS TOOK A DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN THREE AMERICAN

RADIO AND MONITORING STATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS. THIS DECISION PROVIDES THAT NO AMERICAN FLAG WILL BE HOISTED, NO AMERICAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THESE STATIONS, AND THE EXTERNAL CONTROL OF THESE STATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS. THIS DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN PARALLEL WITH AND AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECISION OF OUR MOTHERLAND GOVERNMENT. WE HOPE THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. END QUOTE.

2. ASKED WHETHER ANY AMERICAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN THESE INSTALLATIONS, MR OREK SAID: QUOTE NO, THE OPERATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS IS BEING BANNED AS FROM TODAY. NO ONE WILL BE GIVEN ANY PERMISSION TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE SAID INSTALLATIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE ARE NO AMERICANS WITHIN THE INSTALLATIONS AT THIS MOMENT. END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE LATE AFTERNOON JULY 29. BEGIN QUOTE: PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL HAVE NO COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN AMERICAN EMBASSY FACILITIES IN THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED SECTOR OF CYPRUS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE THREE AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS IN QUESTION -- THE FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE AT KARAVAS AND THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT YEROLAKKOS AND MIA MILEA -- HAVE BEEN INOPERATIVE FOR OVER ONE YEAR. THE STATION AT MIA MILEA WAS CLOSED AND DISMANTLED IN JUNE 1974 AND THE FACILITIES AT KARAVAS AND YEROLAKKOS WERE CLOSED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE INITIATION OF HOSTILITIES ON JULY 20. END QUOTE.

4. REFTEL OFFERED OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROBABLE EFFECT OF TFSC ACTIONS ON YEROLAKKAS AND MIA MILEA STATIONS. CONCERNING KARAVAS, LAND ON WHICH OPERATIONS BUILDING AND RESIDENCES ARE LOCATED IS OWNED BY USG. IN RECENT YEARS ALL SITES HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AS ANNEXES OF AMERICAN EMBASSY AND SO IDENTIFIED BY ENTRANCE PLAQUES.

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5. IN TERMS OF OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY, TFSC ACTION CHANGES NOTHING AT KARAVAS. SITE HAS BEEN INACTIVE SINCE JULY 20, 1974. MUCH OF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED AND IN RECENT MONTHS STATION HAS BEEN IN PROCESS OF BEING MOTHBALLED. ASG HAS NO PLANS FOR REACTIVATION IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

6. ACTION RECOMMENDED: GIVEN USG POSITION (STATE 061133)

HOLDING GOT RESPONSIBLE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICAN PROPERTY IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS, AND NON-RECOGNITION OF TFSC, IT APPEARS TO US THAT USG OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE TO GOT. ONE IMPORTANT POINT THAT SHOULD BE MADE IS THAT SITUATION HERE, WHERE INSTALLATIONS ARE U.S. OWNED AND CONSIDERED EMBASSY ANNEXES, IS IN NO WAY EQUATABLE WITH THAT OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY. LATTER, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, ARE NEITHER DIPLOMATIC NOR SUG OWNED. FYI, AT MINIMUM, WE REQUIRE ACCESS TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE/PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, INCLUDING RIGHT TO REMOVE USG MATERIEL (INTER ALIA THAT SPECIFIED IN PARA 6 OF NICOSIA 2347 AND COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT AT KARAVAS).
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